

VERMONT TRANSCRIPT.

ST. ALBANS.

Friday, May 6, 1864.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

Post-office open (Sundays excepted) from 6 a.m. to 12 m., on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.; from 12 m. to 12.30 p.m.;
Mails.—Boston through Mail closes at 6.30 p.m. Arrives at 10.30 a.m.
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SPF SPECIAL NOTICE.—Letters for Mails must be prompt at the advertised hour of closing.

H. N. BARBER, Post Master,
 St. Albans, April 6, 1864.

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WANTED.—At this office, an active intelligence of Young Men, of good habits, as an apprentice to the Printing business.

—Our readers will not fail to perceive the selections and original articles on the outside of today's Transcript. They will be found worthy of perusal. An original poetical contribution on the fourth page will be found full of poetic fire and patriotic feeling.

—As the action of the County Court, at its last term, is drawn to a close, it can hardly prove amiss to say a word in regard to the court-house itself, where the business of county and supreme courts for Franklin county is transacted. It is undeniably the poorest court-house in Vermont, save, perhaps, the one in North Hero. It is old, shabby, badly warmed, poorly ventilated, and ill contrived for the comfort of the petit or grand jury, the convenience of the court, bar, or parties and their witnesses. It is not to the credit of the county of Franklin—wealthy and prosperous as it is—that this state of things exists. It is not in keeping with her prosperity, taste and intelligence. And yet while all this may be said, and truthfully said, this is no time to build a new court-house. The burden of taxation upon the backs of the people is great enough, and will be until "this cruel war is over." We would not add to this load so long as we can manage with the present building, as we have done for a few years past. But when the war is ended—and God in His mercy speed the day!—let the county of Franklin take this matter of building a new court-house in hand, and erect one that will afford a comfortable and convenient place for the dispensation of justice.

—The annual meeting of the Franklin County Medical Society, of which Dr. W. R. Hutchinson, of Enosburgh, is the Secretary, will be held at Sheldon May 10th.

—W. W. Thorp, Esq., has recently purchased the Farnsworth farm, which adjoins his valuable real estate. Mr. L. H. Farnsworth, we regret to learn, designs to remove to the West.

—A select school for young pupils, by Miss M. J. Rowley, and a writing school by Miss S. U. Goodrich, have been inaugurated at the Court-house within the past week.

—All persons writing letters ought to bear in mind that revenue stamps placed on letters for postage, will be treated as of no consequence. Such letters having revenue stamps upon them will be sent by postmasters as unpaid, and will, of course, be charged with double rates.

—The new paint-shop in St. Albans, belonging to the Vermont and Canada Railroad, which has just been finished, is 130 feet long and 50 feet in width, and is now being used by the Company. It is said to be one of the most comfortable and convenient buildings of the kind in the whole country.

—Immediately west of the railroad machine shop there will be soon erected a wooden building for storing lumber, 75 feet long and 30 feet wide; and a brick building 24 feet long by 18 feet wide, for a drying house. These buildings are to be erected in a tasteful and substantial manner, by the Railroad Company.

—One of the most attractive and best regulated railroad restaurants in the State is kept in St. Albans by Mr. G. L. Bean. It is well fitted up, and with the good eatables and drinkables dispensed there, it is not strange that it enjoys a enviable popularity.

—Recent showers of rain have stimulated the putting forth of buds upon the trees and the starting of green grass in the meadows.

—A large and tasteful three story building, ninety feet in length, is soon to be erected on Houghton avenue by the Railroad Company, and is to be used as a family boarding house for men in the employ of the railroad, and their wives and children. The scarcity of rentable houses in this village and the high price of board rendered this notion on the part of the railroad company necessary.

—The 9th Vermont regiment, Col. Ripley, is very healthy now, having only 14 men in the hospital.

—The Ladies Society of St. Luke's Church, which met at Mr. Paul's on Wednesday evening, realized, in all, the handsome sum of \$20.25.

—Mr. Nathan Averill, aged 92 years, the oldest citizen of Plattsburgh, N. Y., died last week. He was father of C. K. Averill, Esq., formerly of St. Albans Bay.

—The continued practice of bill-stickers, who post up large printed and engraved placards of men, women, beasts and creeping things, on public and private buildings, has become an intolerable nuisance. Large pictures of caravan beasts, clowns and circus riders, negro minstrels and "world renowned banjo players," in every conceivable attitude, color and costume, have lately disgusted the public eye long after the beasts have roared, "the stars of the comic firmament," have ceased to twinkle, the clowns tickled the ears of the groundlings, and the minstrels have played on the bones and the banjo, "amid roar of laughter and shouts of applause." It is bad enough that in these war times such peripatetic showmen should be encouraged at all by the public; but all traces of their business should cease with the occasion. Where are our salaried police, that they do not prevent such repeated offenses against property and good taste?

—The decision in the Welchman road case referred to in our report of the doings of the Franklin County Court, shows that High Street is to be extended to Fairfield Street, upon the payment of the sum there-in mentioned. —A building lot on Welden Street has recently been sold by Messrs. Gibson and Bowles, to Mr. Olds, who contemplates erecting a dwelling house upon it. The lot lies immediately east of the one occupied by Thomas Gervin. —The small building opposite the Trenton House, is being thoroughly refitted and put in order for a first class millinery establishment. Miss M. S. Beattie will move into during the week ensuing.

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—The Treasurer of the Central Committee, acting on behalf of the Christian Commission, has received from the canvassers in Districts 3, 4, and 12, East Sheldon, through the Rev. George B. Tolman, eleven dollars and seventeen cents, which has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Christian Commission at Boston.

—The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, will be held on the first Wednesday of June, 1864, at Burlington. The preacher of the missionary sermon is the Rev. Duane S. Phillips, of Bennington; the Rev. H. M. Frost, of Middlebury, substitute. The Rev. Joseph W. Mellowne will preach the sermon before the Convention; the Rev. Ezra Jones, late of East Berkshire and Montgomery, substitute.

—The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, at its annual communication in Bellows Falls last January, are printed by the Times-Job and book establishment, Burlington, and will soon be distributed.

—John S. Weston, city marshal of Manchester, N. H., committed suicide April 27th, in a fit of temporary insanity, aged 55 years.

—The death of Morton Cole, Esq., formerly of Burlington, at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 28, aged 57 years, is announced. The Free Press says that his funeral took place at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on Sunday last, and remarks that he had long been a prominent merchant and business man of Burlington, and an extensive wool dealer. For several years past, he has been connected as a salesman in the heavy dry goods concern of Claffin, Mellen & Co., of New York. His afflicted wife and family have the heartfelt sympathy of our community.

—C. L. Heyde, of Burlington, a good artist, has recently finished a pleasing picture of a view on Mallett's Bay, of which the Free Press speaks in glowing terms.

—A memorial volume of Mrs. M. H. Rose, formerly of Poulton, a teacher and a poetess, is about to be published by subscription.

—The Burlington daily Free Press of April 27th says:—We learn that one of the medical students, named Parker, a native of New Hampshire, died suddenly in his room this morning. He had been slightly ill, and expired so suddenly and quietly that his roommate was not aware of it for some minutes. We have not learned to what cause his death is assigned.

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—The steamers on Lake Champlain will continue to run as at present until the 3rd of May, when another boat will be put on the line. The arrangements will then be announced by advertisement.

—The Rev. J. E. Goddard, of Burlington, has recently been elected chaplain of the 1st Vermont cavalry.

WAR NEWS.

The tide of war sets against the national cause, but it will soon turn and sweep backward with desolating power over the rebellion. Full accounts of the battles in western Louisiana leave no room to doubt that the campaign has ended in serious disaster, and that there is nothing more to be looked for in that quarter than a safe retreat from the enemy's country.

The rebel raiders seem to be retreating from Kentucky and Tennessee, and there is no activity at Chattanooga.

In Virginia everything is ready for the great struggle, and all hope that our bad fortune elsewhere may be retrieved and a staggering blow given to the rebellion by the general who has never yet failed. At the first gun of the opening battle in Virginia the nation will stand silent and await with bated breath and anxious suspense the events that are to fix our destiny for ages to come.

New from the front in Virginia will be meager until the two armies have met in battle. We only know that Gen. Grant is calling into the field all the veteran troops that have been in garrison around Washington and in the forts along the coast, their places being temporarily supplied by the State militia; that the policy of concentration for an overwhelming assault in force is for once to be followed by the rebels, and was on the whole a victory. The loss to the rebels in killed and wounded being greater proportionately, than was ever suffered in any battle during the war.

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river is falling and in some places is unnavigable.

The rebel brigade under Gen. Corse, 2000 strong, is between Newbern and Kinston. Maj. Gen. Peck has been relieved of the command of the forces in North Carolina and succeeded by Brig. Gen. Farmer.

The Herald, New Orleans letter of the 26th confirms the statement that Gen. Banks has fallen back to Alexandria in consequence of the low water in the river. Eight hundred rebel cavalry have reached Cherryville, below Alexandria. The gunboats and transports are all down to, or below the falls, except the Eastport. She may be stripped and destroyed. Six gun-boats which won up the Black and Watchet rivers to Monrovia had returned with 2000 bales cotton and 900 contrabands, besides conveying down the river the steamer Ruby with 480 more contrabands. The Ruby had been in the employ of the rebels.

Gen. Steele was at Camden, April 27th. A letter from there to the Herald confirms the recent account via St. Louis.

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